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SUBJ: MOMENT OF TRUTH DRAWING NEAR IN PORTUGUESE GUINEA?

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF LISBON A-172 POUCHED THIS WEEK:

1. INSISTENT REPORTS THAT PAIGC WILL SOON DECLARE PORTUGUESE GUINEA INDEPENDENT, COUPLED WITH COSTLY LOSS OF AIRCRAFT IN THAT TERRITORY, MAY HAVE CONVINCED PORTUGUESE LEADERS THAT IT IS TIME TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION OR, AT A MINIMUM, BUILD A THIRD OPTION WHICH COULD BE USED FOR AN
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HONORABLE EXIT IF THINGS GET WORSE. PORTUGUESE HAVE

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GIVEN THE GUINEAN PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AT LEAST APPARENT
POLITICAL POWER AND HAVE PROVIDED THAT 90 PERCENT OF
CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SELECTED BY UNIVERSAL ADULT
SUFFRAGE. THE BALANTA PEOPLE, A MAJOR PROP OF THE PAIGC,
HAVE BEEN PROMISED LAND OF THEIR OWN AND A BETTER FUTURE.
IT MAY BE THAT THESE MEASURES AND OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
COULD PROVIDE PORTUGAL WITH THE BASIS FOR LEAVING GUINEA
IN LOCAL HANDS WITH SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE WAFFLED, AND ABLE TO
DENY HAVING BEEN FORCED OUT BY PAIGC.

2. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT PAIGC ITSELF MAY BE INTERESTED IN
REACHING A POLITICAL AGREEMENT WITH PORTUGAL, AND IT HAS
BEEN RELIABLY REPORTED THAT THE PAIGC HAS BEEN IN CONTACT
WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IN THE PAST AND IS INVOLVED
IN TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS AT THE
MOMENT. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE PAIGC IS
WILLING TO DROP ITS CLAIM TO THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS;
THIS, IF TRUE, WOULD MEET A MAJOR PORTUGUESE GOAL. THE
PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEGUN PREDICTING A POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT; WE WOULD NOT RULE IT OUT.
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